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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated **November 15, 2000**, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including May 15, 2001, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 49 to 51, 53, and 55 to 64, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--65. (new) A composition comprising at least one purified recombinant HCV envelope protein selected from the group consisting of an E1 protein and an E2 protein, said E1 protein and E2 protein having been purified to at least 80% pure; and optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.